

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/560,715	RICH ET AL.	
	Examiner Sheeba Ahmed	Art Unit 1773	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Sheeba Ahmed. (3) John Storella.

(2) Jeffrey Mann. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 20 June 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: All under consideration.

Identification of prior art discussed: Bergstrom et al.

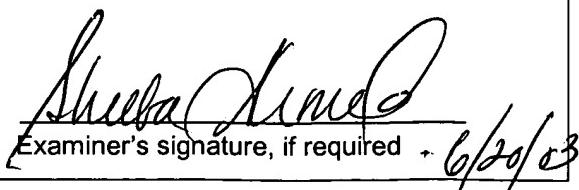
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See attached sheet..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Sheeba Ahmed
Examiner's signature, if required + 6/20/03

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John Storella discussed the claimed invention and proposed amendments to the independent claims, which would overcome the current rejections under 35 USC 102. Mr. Storella further pointed out that applied prior art, Bergstrom et al. is directed to surface plasmon resonance and that the instantly claimed invention is directed to a probe for a mass spectrometer.

The Examiner reminded the Applicants that any substantial changes to the claims would require further search and hence no definite agreement on patentability could be reached at this time.

The Applicants are not required to provide the substance of the interview in writing.